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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:



In response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2002, Applicant submits the following
Amendment and Remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-2, 4-6, 10, 12-18 and 20-22 as follows:

1. [Third Amendment] In a distributed computing environment, a method for managing an electronic record for compliance with a retention policy of an organization, the method comprising the steps of:
 creating an electronic tag that uniquely identifies the electronic record, the tag having at least one field for characterizing the record;
 storing the at least one electronic tag in a central repository;
 sending the electronic record to a recipient; and
 wherein:
 at least one of the steps of creating and storing ensure maintenance of the characterized record for a minimum time period based on the retention policy; and

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